



**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jordan, L.	X			
Byrne, S.	X			
Rothman, M.	X			
Bart, E.	X			
Campbell, R.	X			

Resolution Number: R-67-2022
Dated: JUNE 13, 2022
Offered By: CAMPBELL
Seconded By: BYRNE

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVY CAP EXEMPTION FOR
A THREE YEAR PERIOD FOR INCREASES IN LIABILITY, WORKER'S
COMPENSATION, CYBER LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in its levy to 2.0% and any increase in appropriations to 2 1/2% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less, over the prior year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, all local public entities have incurred an estimated \$50 million in COVID related worker's compensation claims and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long-term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding workers compensation funding has generated increased costs to municipalities by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the State pension system; and

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation statute of limitations will increase total liability costs by an estimated amount of 6%; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property insurance costs by over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability events throughout the country have resulted in doubling premium costs in 2022 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation; and


WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also increasing at an inflationary rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Appropriation CAP and the Levy CAP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representatives for the TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE.

RESOLUTION was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe on June 13, 2022.

ATTEST:


Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk


Michael L. Rothman, Mayor

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, **NADINE E. LOCKLEY, RMC, CMR**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Downe Township Committee of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, at their Regular Meeting held on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex.

Date

NADINE E. LOCKLEY, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk